

## PEOPLE AT WORK

Lisa Doell is a sewing machine operator who performs a variety of jobs within the Power Sewing Division of Vocational Guidance Services, Inc. During her tenure, Lisa has participated in the success of several sewing projects; including the production of women's Armed Forces dress uniform slacks and skirts, insect repellent tents, and various other VGS, Inc. contracts.

Due to two cerebral aneurysms and subsequent brain surgery, Lisa has lost use of her short-term memory and other functions. Because of severe emotional distress, she has consistently battled depression, anxiety, and agoraphobia. To enable Lisa to receive the training she needed to perform her job, a system was created that gradually took her from an enclosed work space to an open area populated with co-workers. The system worked, and the extra care taken resulted in a constructive training environment for Lisa.

Lisa's expertise in her field despite her limitations

is a true testament to her ability and spirit. She continues to impress co-workers and supervisors with her positive attitude and desire to learn. Lisa credits her achievement to her manager, Tavi Gargano. "If it hadn't been for Tavi, his time invested, his compassion and emotional support...I wouldn't have made it."

Lisa is an employee who looks forward to coming to work, and it shows. Her ongoing ambition to continually improve is shown by requests for cross-training and working in various departments when scheduling is tight. Lisa has refused to allow her limitations to stop her from being one of the top contributors in her division. She consistently gives the job her best, and this makes her a prime example that we all admire.

Vocational Guidance Services credits Lisa for her willingness to conquer her fears, her non-stop determination and aspiration for success.